

Remarks

I. **INTRODUCTION**

The Office Action mailed on April 12, 2007 has been carefully studied and, in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are most respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-43 are currently pending in this application. The Examiner has withdrawn claims 9-12, 14, and 16-43 from consideration. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8, 13 and 15. By the current amendment, claims 1 has been amended and claim 3 has been cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

II. **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly not being enabled by the specification. The Examiner states that “the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for using a -X-Z-Y- substituent with X and Y being heteroatom, heteroatom-containing group, or heterocycle, Z being divalent.” Office Action of April 4, 2007 at page 2. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner’s position. However, in order to advance the prosecution of the pending claims, claim 1 has been amended herein to address the Examiner’s concerns.

The Examiner states that “the breadth of the claims with respect to the X-Z-Y- substituent alone includes all known heteroatoms, heteroatom-containing group or heterocyclic substituents.” Office Action of April 4, 2007 at page 3. Although applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner’s assertion, the definition of X and Y, heteroatom-containing group, and heterocycle have been amended herein such that X and Y are each independently

selected from a heteroatom selected from S, O, N, and P; a heteroatom-containing group is selected from OR, SR, NR₂ and PR₂, wherein R is alkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl; and a heterocycle, is a 3-7 membered aromatic or non-aromatic ring containing at least one heteroatom selected from S, O, N, and P. Support the present amendment may be found at least at paragraphs [0076] to [0087].

The Examiner refers to "Z being divalent." Applicants note that the term "Z is a divalent linker" was deleted from claim 1 in the amendment dated March 13, 2006.

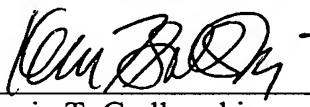
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

III. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests that such action be taken. If for any reason the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application would be advanced by contact with the Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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